

2002 International and Military Mail Christmas Dates

In response to customers' requests for this year's Christmas mailing dates, we are publishing the following recommended mailing dates. To ensure delivery of Christmas cards and packages to military APO/FPO addresses overseas and to international addresses, we suggest that mail be entered by the recommended mailing dates listed below.

| Military Mail Addressed To | First-Class Mail Letters/Cards | Priority Mail | Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) ^{1/} | Space Available Mail (SAM) ^{2/} | Parcel Post |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|--------------------|
| APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090–098 | Dec 11 | Dec 11 | Dec 4 | Nov 27 | Nov 6 |
| APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340 | Dec 11 | Dec 11 | Dec 4 | Nov 27 | Nov 6 |
| APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962–966 | Dec 11 | Dec 11 | Dec 4 | Nov 27 | Nov 6 |

^{1/} PAL: A special service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. PAL is available for Parcel Post not exceeding 30 pounds or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface rate of postage for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

^{2/} SAM: Parcels paid at Parcel Post postage rates are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis. The maximum weight and size limits are 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined.

| International Mail Addressed to | Air Letters and Cards | Air Parcel Post | Surface |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Africa | Dec 9 | Dec 9 | Nov 1 |
| Asia/Pacific Rim | Dec 16 | Dec 16 | Nov 6 |
| Australia/New Zealand | Dec 16 | Dec 16 | Nov 6 |
| Canada | Dec 16 | Dec 16 | Nov 23 |
| Caribbean | Dec 16 | Dec 16 | Nov 20 |
| Central and South America | Dec 9 | Dec 9 | Nov 6 |
| Mexico | Dec 16 | Dec 16 | Nov 23 |
| Europe | Dec 16 | Dec 16 | Nov 13 |
| Middle East | Dec 16 | Dec 16 | Nov 1 |

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